

Course II

AUTHORITY

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Lesson 1

Your Delegated Authority

Lesson Objective. To understand your delegated authority and to walk in the power of the name of Jesus Christ.

Lesson Overview.

When Jesus first sent the seventy out, He gave them power and authority over all the power of the enemy. God is a God of integrity. The Word says that God is not a man that He should lie. Your foundation as a believer must be built on the integrity of God's infallible Word. He says that heaven and earth will pass away but His Word will never pass away. You must know God by the promises contained in His Word. Your authority works when you have a revelation of God's Word and are obedient to that Word.

The Word tells us that greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world. God has given us authority to deal with the god of this world. The devil is no match for the authority that Jesus has given you. However, before you can speak God's Word toward your circumstances, you must firmly believe in the integrity of His Word. God says that His Word accomplishes what it was sent to do and that it never returns to Him void. God says to draw nigh to Him and He will draw nigh to you. He also says to resist the enemy and the enemy will flee from you.

The Bible says to guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the issues of life. A major key in exercising your authority is to speak in line with what the Word of God says. The best way to resist the enemy is by renewing your mind and building your spirit with the Word. Once you renew your mind and speak the Word toward the enemy, he will flee from you.

Key Scriptures:

Mark 11:22-26

Matthew 8:8-10

Matthew 8: 13

Matthew 8: 16

Matthew 13:18-23

Hebrews 4:2

James 4:7

Proverbs 18:21

Review Questions.

1. When will the Word not work the way it was intended? Hebrews 4:2

2. Why should you always have forgiveness in your heart? Mark 11:25-26

3. What power does God’s spoken word have over the enemy? Matthew 8:16

4. Jesus acknowledged the centurion’s _____ . Matthew 8:10

Why? Matthew 8:8-9 _____

5. Explain the four types of ground in the parable of the sower. Matthew 13:18-23

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

Lesson 2

Delegated Authority Meaning and Purpose

Lesson Objective. To understand the purpose and benefits of your authority in Christ.

Lesson Overview.

Just as a police officer has a badge to signify his authority, Jesus Christ has given us His name as our badge of authority to enforce power over the enemy. The Greek word for authority is *exousia*, while *dunamis* is the Greek word for power. *Exousia* is the badge of your office and *dunamis* is power behind that authority. As ambassadors of Christ, we come in the power and authority of the kingdom we represent. We must walk and talk in line with the Word of God to enforce that authority. To delegate means to commit and entrust as an agent. We are agents of God, commissioned to carry out His mission on earth.

The believer has complete authority over his realm of jurisdiction. The Hebrew word *tsvah* means to command, appoint, or charge. As believers, we have authority to command the devil out of our realm of jurisdiction, and to appoint or charge the elect angels to move on our behalf. The believer has the right to hear God and the authority to appropriate His Word to bring about supernatural results. The benefit of your delegated authority and power is for you to reach your goal, rise up and live the high call, and to finish your course.

Distractions can cause our priorities to end up as casualties. The three major areas of distraction the enemy uses are food, entertainment, and weariness. These distractions can get you out from under the grace of God and his protection. Once you are out from the covering of the Word, you cannot effectively operate in your authority.

Key Scriptures:

Luke 4:32-36

Luke 10:19

Luke 11:10

Matthew 17:15-21

Matthew 28:18-20

Psalms 92:10

Revelation 21:7

Acts 1:8

Acts 6:4

Zechariah 4:6

Review Questions.

1. Why were the people astonished at His doctrine? Luke 4:32

2. How did Jesus command the unclean spirits out? Luke 4:36

3. When did the believers receive power, or dunamis? Acts 1:8

4. What is the key to your power and authority? Acts 6:4

5. Why couldn't the disciples cast the devil out of the man's son? Matthew 17:20

6. Taking Christ as our example, what two areas should we be mighty in? Luke 24:19

7. Describe the difference between exousia and dunamis.

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Lesson 3

The Power of His Name

Lesson Objective. To understand the power behind the name of Jesus Christ, and how you operate in the power of His name.

Lesson Overview.


The Bible says to fight the good fight of faith. In order to fight that fight, Jesus gave us His name, or power of attorney. For a believer to move in the power of that name, his foundation must be built on the rock, or the Word of God. The Bible says my people perish for a lack of knowledge. In order to reject conditions and circumstances contrary to God's Word, you must pursue the revelation, knowledge, and truth in the Bible. The Bible, or Word of God, is the blue print necessary to fight the good fight of faith.


Demonic entities are rebellious renegade spirits. These spirits will push you and illegally trespass on your territory. You must know, that in the name of Jesus, these renegades have no rights. The Bible says that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places. We operate in and through the name of Jesus in prayer, dealing with demons, and in administering healings. The name of Jesus will not work to enforce a non biblical petition.


The Bible says that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. A believer's authority is directly linked to what he has heard from that Word. There are four qualifying principals to walking in that authority. You must hear the word, you must know it, you must believe it, and finally, you must act on it.


Agreement with God is imperative as we are called to be co-laborers with Him. Amos 3:7 declares can two walk together unless they be agreed? We cannot walk with God if we are not in agreement with Him. Jesus said in Matthew 18:18-20, whatever you bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. If two shall agree on earth as touching anything they ask, it shall be done of them by my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. God tells us that if we know His Word and act on it, then He will confirm His Word with signs and wonders in the power of His name.


Key Scriptures:


John 16:23-24 


Mark 16:17-18 


Matthew 18:18-20 


Matthew 16:19 


Matthew 28:18-20 

Acts 2:24-34 

Acts 3:6-7 

Acts 13:33 

Philippians 2:9-12 

Ephesians 1:17-23 

Ephesians 4:27

Colossians 2:15

Romans 8:31

Review Questions.

1. What is our commission? Mark 16:16-18

2. How did Peter use the name of Jesus outside the Temple Beautiful? Acts 3:6-7

3. How did Jesus earn His name by conquest? Colossians 2:15-16

4. As you put off the old man, who should you not allow any room to? Ephesians 4:27

5. Who is subject to the name of Jesus? Philippians 2:9-11

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walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 4

Authority in the Name of Jesus

Lesson Objective. To understand the authority in the name of Jesus.

Lesson Overview.

Today, many Christians live beneath their rights and privileges because they don't have a revelation of what they are entitled to. Galatians 4:7 says we are no longer servants, but sons of God; and if we sons than we are heirs. We are not the Son of God, but we are sons. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places and entitled to the inheritance that Christ left us. One of the most important thing that Jesus left for us is His name. Mark 16:17-18 says that those that believe in Christ can do the following things in His name: cast out devils, speak with new tongues, drink deadly poison and take up serpents and not be harmed, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands. The Word also says that His Word is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That means what Jesus said two thousand years ago is as valid today as it was then. We have the provision to go to the Father in the name of, on behalf of, or in the stead of, His Son. Jesus said that whatever you ask the Father, in my name, He will give you. There is authority in the name of Jesus!

The Lord gave us the keys to the kingdom of heaven. He said that whatever we bind or loose on earth shall be bound or loosed in heaven. The condition is that you must have a divine revelation of the power behind the name of Jesus. The Word says that if God is for us, who can be against us? The Word also says that we should not give place to the devil, and that we should fight him with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. However, the sword will not work when it is mishandled (misquoted), or swung in doubt or unbelief. You must take up the sword and

fight the good fight of faith with the whole armor of God, and when you have done all to stand, then stand in faith with patience.

Key Scriptures:

Mark 16:17-18

Colossians 1:9-13

Colossians 3:16-17

Colossians 4:12

Ephesians 4:27

Ephesians 5:14-20

James 5:14

Matthew 16:19

I Corinthians 2:6

II Corinthians 10:5

Revelation 3:8

Isaiah 43:26

Romans 5:17

Romans 8:3

Psalm 119:130



Acts 4:12



Review Questions.

1. What happens when we put God in remembrance? Isaiah 43:26

2. What does the entrance of God's Word provide? Psalm 119:130

3. Why has God set an open door before you? Revelations 3:8

4. How should we control our thought life? II Corinthians 10:5

5. Why shouldn't we put our confidence in any man? Acts 4:12

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

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Lesson 5

Pursue what Belongs to You

Lesson Objective. To know who we are in Christ and what He has done for us.

Lesson Overview.

The Word says that if God is for us, who can be against us? The answer to the question is that there is someone against us. It is a weak, lame, defeated enemy. The problem is that he takes territory that we allow him access to. But the good news is that he has no new tactics or strategies. We are told to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might, and that we must put on the full armor of God. Once we have a full revelation of who we are in Christ and what He has done for us, we can deal with the enemy every time from a position of authority and with power.

The enemy is not only after your salvation, but he's also after your righteousness or your right standing with God. His tactic is to try to put enough doubt, unbelief, and confusion in your life, that you will backslide out of salvation. The fact of the matter is that can not happen. If we know that we have the mind of Christ; that there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus; that God is not the author of confusion; and that God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind; then will we be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. His number one tactic is your mouth. When he gets your confession out of line with God's Word, he forces you to lose territory. You must encourage yourself daily in the victory you have already won through Jesus Christ. Until people get a full grasp of this concept, they will live beneath their privileges and provisions God has made for them through the victory at Calvary. We must constantly pursue the truth and fight the good fight of faith.

Key Scriptures:

I Samuel 30:8-18

Philippians 3:4

Philippians 4:4

Romans 8:31

Romans 10:17

Jude 20

Psalm 32:7

Ephesians 5:19-20

Colossians 2:15

Colossians 3:16

Hebrews 2:3

Review Questions.

1. How is God our shield of protection? Psalm 32:7

2. If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

3. From where does the source of your faith come? Romans 10:17

4. How do we build up our most holy faith? Jude 20

5. How should we always give thanks to God the Father? Ephesians 5:20

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

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Lesson 6

Building on the Word

Lesson Objective. To understand why you must build your foundation on God's Word.

Lesson Overview.

Jesus likens a man who hears and does the Word as a wise man, one who is built upon a rock. It is the solid foundation of the Word which will determine how we stand in these perilous times. Your salvation is assured, but the victorious life you choose to live on earth will be totally dependent on what you do with God's Word. There is much more to salvation! The Word says as God is, so are we. Without a solid foundation built upon the Word, how can we expect to be like God?

When the sun is shining and there is plenty of money in the bank, it is easy to praise God, but what happens when we face the tempest and the bill collectors are knocking down the doors? What are you doing with the Word; where is your faith? A comfortable Pastor in a comfortable church will allow you to believe that God is dealing with you, or that you are suffering for Christ. That's baloney! No where is the Word of God are we told that we must suffer for God. The victory at Calvary was complete! Nobody, including you, is required to suffer. But without a foundation of the Word, and its proper division, you can be duped into leading a life beneath your privileges.

Where you go to church, and what message you hear, can mean the difference between life and death on earth. Some would have you believe that we go through seasons. This too is untrue. Christians are not seasonal. The Word tells us to be instant in season and out. We do not live by bread alone but by the Words which proceed out of the mouth of God. You can not maintain a wrong diet and live a long and healthy life. You have a responsibility to build and maintain the foundation in your own life. Take responsibility for the food you are eating. Test the bread the preacher is feeding you to make sure it is from the bread of life.

Key Scriptures:

Romans 10:17

Acts 5:29

Acts 6:1-7

II Timothy 4:2-3

Psalms 119:11

Review Questions.

1. What happens when the Word of God is preached? Acts 6:7

2. Why do we hide God's Word in our hearts? Psalm 119:11

3. Where is the struggle for our obedience? Acts 5:29

4. When should we be ready to preach God's Word. II Timothy 4:2

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Lesson 7

Agreement

Lesson Objective. To understand the need to walk in agreement with the Word and Spirit of God.

Lesson Overview.

The Word of God asks can two walk together unless they are in agreement? The simple answer is no. The Word also says that the steps of a righteous man are ordered of the Lord. If we are in line with the Word, we will be in agreement with Him. When the devil speaks, he will try to tell you something that is not in line with the Word. He will speak to you through temper tantrums, lying thoughts, and ill symptoms. Once you recognize that this is not in agreement with the Word, you can take authority over the situation.

Not only can division come between man and God; it can also come between men. One of the devil's tools is to cause division and rift within the church and between married couples. Every person is entitled to his or her opinion as long as it lines up with the Word of God. Once two or more are in disagreement, there can not be agreement with God's Word. The vision for the home and the church is the same. We must be in agreement with God's Word. When we walk in disagreement, our confession can not line up with God's Word. Once our confession goes awry, we allow the enemy access to our territory.

It is our agreement that forms an impenetrable barrier to the enemy. The Word says that one will put a thousand to flight, while two can put ten thousand to flight. What do you think a unified church will be able to do? The anointing will flow when there is unity and agreement among the brethren. Before we can agree with someone we must find out where their faith is. The church

needs to be in agreement with the Pastor's vision. If the Pastor is not lined up with the Word of God, it's time to look for a new church.

We need to make a decision to be educated by God and His thoughts. We are told that we have the mind of Christ and that we should be of one mind. The Word says that when two agree on earth as touching anything it will be done. When married couples and churches learn to come in agreement with the Word of God, no weapon formed against them can ever prosper.

Key Scriptures:

Amos 3:3

I Corinthians 1:10

I Corinthians 2:14-15

Philippians 1:27

Philippians 2:1-3

James 3:1-10

Matthew 18:18-19

Mark 11:22-26

Review Questions.

1. What is the requirement to walk together in unity. Amos 3:3

2. How are we told to act with the brethren? I Corinthians 1:10

3. How shall we stand in agreement? Philippians 1:27

4. How should we esteem others? Philippians 2:3

5. Why must we control our tongues? James 3:10

6. What is the promise we have if we are in agreement with the Word? Matthew 18:19

7. When we seek God’s agreement, what must we do? Mark 11:25

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Lesson 8

Walking as a Mature Christian

Lesson Objective. To understand how to walk in maturity.

Lesson Overview.


People are paying thousands of dollars today to improve their lives. Its too bad they don't understand that the ultimate price has already been paid. Think of all the money they could be investing into the kingdom. The ultimate privilege for the Christian is knowing where and with whom they will spend eternity. But what happens in the meantime? How do we fight the forces of evil and control our destiny? The simple answer is we don't. When we became born again Christians, we made a conscious decision to put our lives into God's hand. What we told God was that we could no longer control things. We simply agreed to put our lives into His hands.


While we are on earth we are told to fight the good fight of faith. God would not tell us to fight if we did not have someone to fight against. There is an enemy out there roaring around like a lion seeking whom he can devour. The reason he roars like a lion is that he is a fraud, he has no authority or power. There is only one lion and that is the Lion of Judah. Once we become saved we must walk in the power and authority God has given us. We must understand God's promises and our privileges. The bottom line is that we must mature as Christians. Part of this process calls for us to completely lose control and cast all our cares upon Him, because He cares for us.

The Word tells us to be sober and vigilant. We need to be ever mindful of the enemy. In your mind, you must consciously decide to draw near to God and to resist the enemy. In a mature Christian's walk, there is no middle ground or fence riding. God would rather us be hot or cold, but

lukewarm. That is not for His benefit, but for ours. He already knows where we stand. The only thing fence riding will do is allow access to the enemy. As a mature Christian, you need to be prepared to fight the good fight of faith, be ever mindful and vigilant of the wiles of the enemy, put on the full armor of God, and finally, you must cast all our cares upon God for He truly cares for you.

Key Scriptures:

I Peter 5:7-9 

Psalm 91 

Review Questions.

1. Why should you cast your cares unto God? I Peter 5:7

2. What is the enemy trying to do? I Peter 5:8

3. How should you resist the enemy? I Peter 5:9

4. Where should you dwell for protection? Psalm 91:1

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

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